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PART FOR EFFECTING A MECHANICAL  
JOINING

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace indicated paragraphs of the specification with replacement  
paragraphs presented below. Appendix II is attached hereto having marked  
versions of said indicated paragraphs with amendments indicated by brackets and  
underlining.